

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jeffrey A. Ledbetter et al.  
Application No. : 10/566,409  
Filed : August 24, 2006  
For : BINDING CONSTRUCTS AND METHODS FOR USE THEREOF

Examiner : Lynn Anne Bristol  
Art Unit : 1643  
Docket No. : 910180.40102USPC  
Date : November 25, 2008

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 10, 2008, please extend the period of time for response four months, to expire on December 10, 2008. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.